

TERM OF COMMISSION: January Session of the November Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt
County Counselor John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

Commissioner Karen Miller served as Presiding Commissioner in Commissioner Stamper's absence.

SUBJECT: Planning & Building Inspections Annual Report

Planning and Building Inspection Director Stan Shawver submitted the 1997 Annual Report for the Boone County Planning and Building Inspection Department.

SUBJECT: Lease with Boone County Fire Protection District for the North Farm Training Facility

County Counselor John Patton said that based on the Commission's directive last fall, before them is a long term lease to the Fire Protection District for 14 acres for a training facility. He explained the lease is a nominal fee lease to the fire protection district for an area for fire suppression, search and rescue and public safety training activities. The district can build on the property if the building is related to the cited uses. The lease is for 30 years with an option to renew for an additional 20 years. There is no provision to prematurely terminate the lease, unless by default or abandonment or for uses other than identified in the lease, he said. The lease has been approved by the Boone County Fire Protection District Board. Mr. Patton clarified there was no abandonment clause.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there should be an abandonment clause included in the lease.

Commissioner Miller said she was concerned about the automatic ability to renew. She agreed it was a good use for the land and that as a federal search and rescue team they needed a facility in the County. But, she said, you could not predict what Boone County might need in thirty years. She asked that issue be clarified, that the County have the option at thirty years to evaluate their position.

Mr. Patton said he did not know how married the District was to the option to renew. They simply wanted the longest term they could get and MR. Patton said he was not comfortable with a straight fifty years. He said they could make the year a thirty year lease, or they could make it thirty years, or shorter, with an option to renew at the County's consent. He said they would not want to invest a lot of capital and to have a future Commission hold them hostage. The lease does not permit the land to be mortgaged and the District never indicated they would use the land as collateral for any bonding. Mr. Patton said he understood the facilities would be constructed with grant money.

Mr. Patton suggested the Commission meet with the fire District directly to work out the specific terms of the lease.

The Commissioners agreed to table the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner